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Mrs. Rosalie Thruston McDermont, who married Horace McDermont (died July 10, 1897, at Oxford, Ohio), son of Dr. Clarke McDermont and Eliza Winters, was daughter of Charles B. Thruston, who married Rosalie Garnett, of Washington, D. C., on December 10, 1857. Charles B. Thruston was admitted to the bar in 1847, member of legislature in 1857, etc. Gen. Charles M. Thruston, his father, died in Cumberland, Md., February 1873; graduated U. S. Military Academy, 1814, assigned second-lieutenant artillery, served as engineer in war of 1812 at New York harbor, after war served at Fort McHenry in 1818, adjutant artillery corps 1821, first-lieutenant third artillery 1821, promoted captain of third artillery and stationed at Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn., 1827–1833, and at Fort Monroe 1835, in Florida war, 1836, as active adjutant-general, resigned August 31, 1836, served during the war of the States, 1861–'65, as brigadier-general U. S. V., from September 7, 1861, to April 17, 1862. Came to Cumberland in 1837, died there February 18, 1873.

I hope to publish at some early time the will of John Thruston the chamberlain of Bristol, kindly furnished me by R. C. Ballard Thruston, Esq.

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# BOOK REVIEWS.

THE SPEED FAMILY. *By Thomas Speed*, Louisville, Ky.

This book contains the history of the Speed family during the entire period it has been in America—a period of two hundred years. The family traces from John Speed, the English historian, who was born in 1552, and whose great-grandson, James, came to Virginia. This is an interesting beginning, and it is to be regretted that the author has not told us his authority for the statement. Is it authentic history, or mere tradition? Among the more prominent members of the family may be mentioned John M. Speed, a prominent lawyer of Lynchburg, who died in 1866; James S. Speed, mayor of Louisville in 1854; Major Philip Speed, Hon. James Speed, attorney-general in Lincoln's Cabinet; Judge John Speed, of Louisville, etc. The book is very neatly and tastefully arranged.

THE GOODWINS OF KITTERY, MAINE.

This is a pamphlet issued by Judge John S. Goodwin, of Chicago, Illinois, who, as proven by his pamphlet on various Goodwin families, issued in October last as a supplement to this magazine, has a decided talent for genealogy. To attempt is made in the pamphlet to do more than give, in the briefest form, the family records. Biographical data is omitted entirely. The compiler has

availed himself of the notes left behind by the late Capt. William Frederick Goodwin, of Concord, New Hampshire. The origin of this Goodwin family in England, like that of most American families, is involved in obscurity, but their American connections are of high respectability and consideration.

MARCHMONT AND THE HUMES OF POLWORTH. By one of their descendants. Printed by William Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh and London. 1894.

I am indebted to Hon. Frank Hume, of Washington, D. C., for a copy of this interesting publication. It gives us a charming description of English life, as seen through the medium of a great and powerful family. Sir Patrick Hume, of Wedderburn, married Margaret Sinclair, and thus the lands of Polworth were carried into the possession of a family whose descendants in the male line enjoyed them for upwards of three hundred years. Other dignities were added to the family. The eighth Baron of Polworth became the first Earl of Marchmont. At length the male line failed, and the dignity of "Earls of Marchmont" is held in abeyance. It rightfully belongs to our Virginia family, who have been too American, however, to care much for titles. Mr. Ashworth P. Burke, editor of the *Landed Gentry*, writes that the main and most interesting particulars as to the birth, settlement in Virginia, marriage and death of George Hume, of Wedderburn, who came hither in 1721, are duly noted in the present edition of his work, with the statement "that he left issue, and that his descendants are now settled in America."

BRISTOL PARISH VESTRY BOOK AND REGISTER. 1720–1789. *By Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne*, Richmond, Va. Privately printed.

The manuscript volume here reproduced contains the earliest records of this parish known to be in existence. The editor of the volume has taken care to follow the original in every eccentricity of spelling and abbreviation, and in all mistakes. The index is a superb one, because it is absolutely full and accurate. I congratulate Mr. Chamberlayne upon this fine work. He has set a splendid example. Won't some one else publish another register soon?

THE LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY ANTIQUARY. No. 2, part 3. *By Edward W. James.*

The contents of this number are: Marriages performed by the Revs. William Morriss and James Dauley, Princess Anne County; My Mother (continued from page 61); The Church in Lower Norfolk County; Grace Sherwood, the Virginia Witch; Abstracts from Norfolk Marriage Bonds; Property Owners of Norfolk County; A Doctor's Bill; Harp and Piano Owners in Portsmouth, 1855; Marriages performed by Rev. William Dawly, Princess Anne County; Norfolk Theatres of the Olden Time.